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Tuesday January 27 - With the Lord's permission, the Pantan puppet called on the same thugs that broke into the Barrow UDP headquarters back on October 28, 2024. This Tuesday morning, the group had a show to put up while risking lives. Somehow, the lowly leader Pantan fooled the UDP Mesopotamia Representative into signing a bond for a 'peaceful protest'. Plus, they also fooled two or three UDP members each of several unions who came out to exercise their right to peacefully protest. The Belizean public will always support peaceful protests, so it was an easy UDP sell. But the UDP are not peaceful people, their DNA shivers are the words 'calm and peaceful consultation'. The UDP thug plan from the onset was to breach the accord signed with the people of Belize. The bunch of UDP thugs planned to break and trespass into the BTL grounds.

So at 10am, they pushed past the policemen(not riot squad as Barrow would send) and rushed towards the doors of the HQ building. There they would be halted by Lee Mark who realized the standards had been lowered and he wanted no part of that. Then Pantan,

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who had sauntered under the shade of a tree came in to appear to smother the flames of the little insurrection. Even the morning bull does better than that at fake news.

**But the message was sent:**  
Tracy Panton was clueless about why they were protesting.  
Yellowman’s nostalgia for violence needed satiating.  
The budget for a few t-shirts and a bus did not give for placards nor reason.  
The UDP remnants are still trying to convince the nation that the UDP still exists. The UDP succeeded in sending the message that there is still no UDP. Tracy called it; it was a Round One TKO. She walked away with Yellow pulling her away.  
She must have been questioning where were her shadows? No Faber? No Hugo? Haylock? Barrow?  
Panton’s UDP ended up with an uncooked bacon and raw eggs. Whatever the bacon mascot’s message was no one knows.  
Joe what would you say about all this? Will charges be levied?

## BTL ADDRESSES PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED SPEEDNET TRANSACTION

**Belize City, January 27, 2026** - Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) acknowledges the ongoing public discussion surrounding the proposed Speednet acquisition and advises that the company is currently in the process of considering this matter as part of its broader efforts to strengthen Belize’s telecommunications sector. No final decision has been made, and the matter remains under review through the appropriate legal and regulatory processes

**What it means for Belize**  
The proposed transaction is being assessed in the national interest, with the aim of:  
-Improving telecommunications infrastructure  
-Expanding digital access  
-Preparing Belize for the future digital economy  
-Supporting wider coverage  
-Providing better service reliability and faster internet speeds  
-Delivering stronger connectivity for homes, businesses, schools, and public services nationwide

**Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement**  
BTL is conducting ongoing consultations with key stakeholders, including employees, the Leader of the Opposition, small and majority shareholders, the Board of Directors, the Social Security Board, the National Trade Union Congress of Belize, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Belize Business Bureau, the Central Bank of Belize, the Public Utilities Commission of Belize and BTL’s Senior Leadership Team. These discussions remain ongoing and are part of BTL’s commitment to transparency and responsible decision-making.

BTL continues to operate fully within the law and is actively engaging with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Any potential outcome will be guided by regulatory requirements and the best interests of Belizeans.

**Protecting Belizean Interests**  
BTL’s priority is to protect customers, employees, and the wider economy. Any future transition, should one occur, would be managed to ensure:

- Uninterrupted service
- Job protection
- Maintain current pricing with planned price reduction in the future
- Due diligence and regulatory compliance

We remain committed to our track-record of affordable and dependable service for every Belizean.

**BTL’s National Contribution**  
BTL has been a solid and consistent partner in Belize’s development throughout the years, investing not only in infrastructure but also in people and communities. This ongoing commitment is reflected in the following investments and initiatives over the past five years:

- Over \$3 million in social-impact initiatives supporting education, civic engagement, culture, youth, special needs and sports.
- More than 150 secondary school scholarships awarded to students across Belize based on financial need and academic excellence
- Digi’s Free Internet Program, providing free DigiNet connections to over 85 non-profit and non-governmental organizations nationwide.
- An additional investment exceeding \$17 million in mobile and fiber-to-the-home networks, strengthening connectivity and reliability for residents

**Independent Valuation**  
The Speednet valuation was conducted by Moore Belize, a member of the Moore Global network, one of the world’s largest and most respected independent professional services organizations, using recognized, industry-standard valuation methodologies. The work was further subjected to an independent technical review by the Moore office in Belo Horizonte, Brazil This multi-layered process reflects international best practice and underscores the robustness and objectivity of the valuation.

## BTL Hosts Executive Consultation with Belize's Business Community on Benefits of a Stronger, Integrated National Network



**Belize City, Belize, January 28, 2026** - Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) today welcomed leaders from the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Belize Business Bureau to its headquarters

for a full executive briefing on the proposed strategic market opportunity with Speednet, outlining customer protections that will be in place to keep service reliable. BTL also detailed the benefits for customers: more reliable service, expanded coverage nationwide, simpler better-value plans, stronger security, and choice-driven bundles enabled by a unified network and reinvestment into quality and reach.

"Thank you to the business community for the questions and partnership," said Ivan Tesucum, CEO, BTL. "Our commitment is to increase digital inclusion to our unserved and underserved communities, including our vulnerable customers. This proposed transaction would strengthen infrastructure efficiency, safeguard national interests, and ensure that shareholders, customers, government, and employees all share in the benefits."

**Customer protections**  
BTL reaffirmed the consumer protection and continuity measures discussed with the regulator. These safeguards are designed to protect every Belizean during integration, and keep service reliable, simple, and priced fairly:

- No forced migration: customers keep access to their existing or equivalent tariffs, transparent communication for any changes.
- Price caps: on selected mobile tariffs and data plans for up to 36 months, monitored under PUC compliance. No new or hidden fees due to the transaction.
- Defined 24-month integration: focused on improving quality, capacity, and consistency services continue as usual.
- Support for vulnerable and elderly customers: social tariffs, fair

**Our Commitment**  
BTL remains committed to serving the people of Belize. This potential transaction is being explored carefully and transparently, with the goal of strengthening national infrastructure and ensuring a more connected, competitive, and digitally empowered Belize. Belizeans remain at the center of every decision, and BTL will continue to invest in the country regardless of the outcome.

treatment for prepaid users, and accessible customer service and complaints processes with escalation rights to the PUC.

-Clear service standards: minimum quality benchmarks, defined fault repair and restoration timelines, and quarterly reporting for complaints, outages, and service performance.

-Coverage expansion obligations: redeploy duplicated infrastructure to underserved and rural communities.

**National platform for a digital Belize**

BTL executives outlined how consolidating duplicated assets, while maintaining strong regulatory safeguards, creates a more efficient national platform that supports education, healthcare, tourism, and business. The goal is dependable service first, then innovation that’s practical, secure, and inclusive so every Belizean business can compete.

BTL thanks the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Belize Business Bureau for their participation and feedback. Today’s dialogue will inform the company’s business offers, migration playbooks, and communications, if the proposed consolidation is approved.

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STIFLE PROGRESS

In the darkness of the night of Monday, August 24, 2009, the Barrow Administration, with the force of our police, forcibly tore down the fence and broke locks as they seized control of the BTL headquarters, all to satisfy a UDP megalomaniacal ego. It was a hostile, unconstitutional takeover that cost Belize at least \$ 700 million. To date, there have been no apologies for grossly overpaying Lord Ashcroft for BTL. Fifteen years later, on a Monday morning, October 28 2024, Panton, hiding behind a UDP Alliance for Democracy, broke into and installed herself and some 50 supporters into Barrow's UDP headquarters on Youth for the Future Drive. Again, this was ruled illegal. On Tuesday morning, January 27, 2026, as Tracy Panton sauntered under a tree, shooed the Yellow goon and a little over fifty nostalgic lame UDP thugs to illegally trespass into the same BTL compound Barrow had severed some 17 years before. It would be easy to add UDP gun brandishing incidents, 2005 "civil disobedience" riots, Barrow's riot squads, and more, but the point has been made. The United Democratic Party deeply believes that the people want to see them at their crass, violent worst. The remnants of the UDP are delusional that violence is their ticket to Belmopan.

In 2026, UDP ignores that the crux of the Belize Telemedia – Speednet merger is technological efficiency for Belize. The scale of Belize's consumer base makes it a waste to have two telecoms serving the same market. BEL, for example, is the main electricity distributor, yet it depends on the vast number of generators and solar panels across the country. The same can be said about BWSL. The laws of the land allow for providers to arise in Belize to seek niche markets. It is nonsensical for any group to use the monopoly term and suggest that competition will be stifled. The Public Utilities Commission does exist. The market forces are still there, and Belizeans are very free to express their displeasure through usage trends. This is, of course, a basic explanation, as the complexity of this merger is multipronged.

Tuesday morning, January 27, will go down in UDP history as a ludicrous attempt at protesting by a flailing UDP. The failing leadership pedigree within the remnants of the UDP was fully exposed. This was just another plea by the small group of UDPs to the Belizean people to forget the infamy of 2008-2020. Tracy Panton craves credibility. When she appointed thirty-one ghouls of nothingness, Panton's ill-advised aim was to buy some leadership in every constituency. This leadership move failed as the thuggish UDP cosplaying as protestors was not worth the lame bacon suit. Did anyone see Patt, Haylock, or Guerra? The count would calculate about 3 persons per constituency. Not even the hundreds of voters transferred and hoarded in Albert were a show for Tracy.

Unbeknownst to the UDP-leaning media, which threw some easy questions at Tracy and her cosplayers, they exposed the Leader of the Opposition's ignorance. Who does Panton bow down to? She and the group had no clue why they were protesting. All the supposed LOO could shamelessly mumble was "bad for Belize", "corruption", and "secrecy". It would hurt their cause to say the truth: the information on the merger was transparent and as open as it could be. No UDP could provide a rationale for why the merger was "bad," what the "corruption" was, or what "secret" they uncovered. All the UDP did was sing the tune of its own infamy, corruption, and secrecy in 2008-2020.

Attempting to cast that tune in 2026 onto the PUP is misleading the public; it is the UDP remnant's alternative reality, and it is more fake news. Stifling Belizean progress is Tracy's 'strategic path' to power. This is patently an insult to the Belizean voter who observes intelligently and smells in Tracy the same wafts of Barrow's incompetence and penchant for supporting violence. The vast majority of Belizeans will always vote against thuggish behaviour. The people of Belize can see the way forward with PM John Briceño and planBelize 2.0. No one will give up their jobs or new lifestyle to revert to the UDP past. Vamos Bien in 2026 with anti-violence and with Belizean progress.

*en Español*VIOLENCA PARA  
SOFOCAR EL  
PROGRESO

En la oscuridad de la noche del lunes 24 de agosto de 2009, la Administración Barrow, con la fuerza de nuestra policía, derribó la valla y rompió las cerraduras mientras tomaba el control de la sede de BTL, todo ello para satisfacer el ego megalómano del UDP. Fue una toma hostil e inconstitucional que le costó a Belice al menos 700 millones de dólares. Hasta la fecha, no se ha ofrecido ninguna disculpa por el pago excesivo a Lord Ashcroft por BTL. Quince años después, en la mañana del lunes 28 de octubre de 2024, Panton, escondiéndose detrás de una Alianza para la Democracia del UDP, irrumpió e instaló a unos 50 seguidores en la sede del UDP de Barrow en Youth for the Future Drive. Una vez más, esto fue declarado ilegal. El martes 27 de enero de 2026 por la mañana, mientras Tracy Panton paseaba bajo un árbol, ahuyentó al matón amarillo y a poco más de cincuenta nostálgicos matones del UDP para que entraran ilegalmente en el mismo recinto de BTL que Barrow había cerrado unos 17 años antes. Sería fácil añadir los incidentes de amenazas con armas del UDP, los disturbios de «desobediencia civil» de 2005, las brigadas antidisturbios de Barrow y mucho más, pero ya se ha dejado claro el punto. El Partido Unido Demócrata cree profundamente que la gente quiere verlos en su peor faceta, la más grosera y violenta. Los restos del UDP tienen la ilusión de que la violencia es su billete de entrada a Belmopan.

En 2026, el UDP ignora que el quid de la fusión entre Belize Telemedia y Speednet es la eficiencia tecnológica para Belice. La magnitud de la base de consumidores de Belice hace que sea un desperdicio tener dos empresas de telecomunicaciones que prestan servicio al mismo mercado. BEL, por ejemplo, es el principal distribuidor de electricidad, pero depende de la gran cantidad de generadores y paneles solares que hay en todo el país. Lo mismo puede decirse de BWSL. Las leyes del país permiten que surjan proveedores en Belice para buscar nichos de mercado. No tiene sentido que ningún grupo utilice el término «monopolio» y sugiera que se sofocará la competencia. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos existe. Las fuerzas del mercado siguen ahí y los beliceños son muy libres de expresar su descontento a través de las tendencias de uso. Por supuesto, esta es una explicación básica, ya que la complejidad de esta fusión es múltiple.

La mañana del martes 27 de enero pasará a la historia del UDP como un ridículo intento de protesta por parte de un UDP en decadencia. El fracaso del liderazgo en los restos del UDP quedó plenamente al descubierto. Se trató de otra súplica más de un pequeño grupo del UDP al pueblo beliceño para que olvidara la infamia de 2008-2020. Tracy Panton ansía credibilidad. Cuando nombró a treinta y un fantasmas de la nada, el objetivo desacertado de Panton era adquirir algo de liderazgo en cada circunscripción. Esta maniobra de liderazgo fracasó, ya que los matones manifestantes del UDP, disfrazados de tocino, no valían la pena. ¿Alguien vio a Patt, Haylock o Guerra? El recuento daría como resultado unas tres personas por circunscripción. Ni siquiera los cientos de votantes transferidos y acaparados en Albert salieron para Tracy.

Sin que los medios de comunicación afines al UDP supieran, lanzaron algunas preguntas fáciles a Tracy y sus imitadores; estos dejaron al descubierto la ignorancia de la líder de la oposición. ¿Ante quién se inclina Panton? Ella y el grupo no tenían ni idea de por qué protestaban. Todo lo que la supuesta LOO podía murmurar descaradamente era «malo para Belice», «corrupción» y «secretismo». Decir la verdad perjudicaría su causa: la información sobre la fusión era transparente y tan abierta como podía ser. Ningún miembro del UDP pudo dar una razón por la que la fusión fuera «mala», en qué consistía la «corrupción» o qué «secreto» habían descubierto. Lo único que hizo el UDP fue cantar la canción de su propia infamia, corrupción y secretismo entre 2008 y 2020.

Intentar proyectar esa melodía en 2026 sobre el PUP es engañar al público; es la realidad alternativa de los restos del UDP y son más noticias falsas. Sofocar el progreso de Belice es la «vía estratégica» de Tracy para llegar al poder. Esto es claramente un insulto al votante beliceño que observa con inteligencia y huele en Tracy los mismos indicios de incompetencia y la tendencia a apoyar la violencia que en Barrow. La gran mayoría de los beliceños siempre votará en contra del comportamiento violento. El pueblo de Belice puede ver el camino a seguir con el primer ministro John Briceño y el planBelice 2.0. Nadie renunciará a su trabajo ni a su nuevo estilo de vida para volver al pasado del UDP. Vamos Bien en 2026 con la lucha contra la violencia y el progreso de Belice.



# 56TH WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

## Special Address at Davos 2026

PM of Canada, Mark Carney

January 20



Today, I'll talk about the rupture in the world order, the end of a nice story, and the beginning of a brutal reality where geopolitics among the great powers is not subject to any constraints. But I also submit to you that other countries, particularly middle powers like Canada, are not powerless. They have the capacity to build a new order that embodies our values, like respect for human rights, sustainable development, solidarity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of states. The power of the less powerful begins with honesty.

It seems that every day we are reminded that we live in an era of great power rivalry. That the rules-based order is fading. That the strong do can what they can, and the weak must suffer what they must. This aphorism of Thucydides is presented as inevitable – as the natural logic of international relations reasserting itself. And faced with this logic, there is a strong tendency for countries to go along to get along. To accommodate. To avoid trouble. To hope that compliance will buy safety. Well, it won't.

So what are our options? In 1978, the Czech dissident Václav Havel, later president, wrote an essay called *The Power of the Powerless*. And in it, he asked a simple question: How did the communist system sustain itself? And his answer began with a greengrocer. Every morning, this shopkeeper places a sign in his window: "Workers of the world, unite!" He does not believe it. No one does. But he places the sign anyway – to avoid trouble, to signal compliance, to get along. But because every shopkeeper on every street does the same, the system persists. Not through violence alone, but through the participation of ordinary people in rituals they privately know to be false. Havel called this "living within a lie." The system's power comes not from its truth but from everyone's willingness to perform as if it were true. And its fragility comes from the same source: When even one person stops performing – when the greengrocer removes his sign – the illusion begins to crack. Friends, it is time for companies and countries to take their signs down.

For decades, countries like Canada prospered under what we called the rules-based international order. We joined its institutions, we praised its principles, we benefited from its predictability. And because of that, we could pursue values-based foreign policies under its protection. We knew the story of the international rules-based order was partially

false. That the strongest would exempt themselves when convenient. That trade rules were enforced asymmetrically. And we knew that international law applied with varying rigour depending on the identity of the accused or the victim. This fiction was useful, and American hegemony, in particular, helped provide public goods: open sea lanes, a stable financial system, collective security, and support for frameworks for resolving disputes. So, we placed the sign in the window. We participated in the rituals. And we largely avoided calling out the gaps between rhetoric and reality. This bargain no longer works. Let me be direct: we are in the midst of a rupture, not a transition. Over the past two decades, a series of crises in finance, health, energy and geopolitics laid bare the risks of extreme global integration.

But more recently, great powers began using economic integration as weapons. Tariffs as leverage. Financial infrastructure as coercion. Supply chains as vulnerabilities to be exploited. You cannot "live within the lie" of mutual benefit through integration when integration becomes the source of your subordination. The multilateral institutions on which middle powers relied – the WTO, the UN, the COP – the architecture, the very architecture of collective problem solving – are under threat. As a result, many countries are drawing the same conclusions. That they must develop greater strategic autonomy: in energy, food, critical minerals, in finance and supply chains. And this impulse is understandable. A country that can't feed itself, fuel itself or defend itself has few options. When the rules no longer protect you, you must protect yourself. But let's be clear-eyed about where this leads. A world of fortresses will be poorer, more fragile, and less sustainable.

And there is another truth: If great powers abandon even the pretence of rules and values for the unhindered pursuit of their power and interests, the gains from "transactionalism" will become harder to replicate. Hegemons cannot continually monetize their relationships. Allies will diversify to hedge against uncertainty. They'll buy insurance, increase options, in order to rebuild sovereignty – sovereignty which was once grounded in rules but will be increasingly anchored in the ability to withstand pressure. This room knows, this is classic risk management. Risk management comes at a price. But that cost of strategic autonomy, of sovereignty, can also be shared.

Collective investments in resilience are cheaper than everyone building their own fortress. Shared standards reduce fragmentation. Complementarities are positive sum.

And the question for middle powers, like Canada, is not whether to adapt to this new reality. We must. The question is whether we adapt by simply building higher walls – or whether we can do something more ambitious. Now, Canada was amongst the first to hear the wake-up call, leading us to fundamentally shift our strategic posture. Canadians know that our old, comfortable assumption, that our geography and alliance memberships automatically conferred prosperity and security. That assumption is no longer valid. Our new approach rests on what Alexander Stubb, President of Finland, has termed "value-based realism" – or, to put another

way, we aim to be both principled and pragmatic. Principled in our commitment to fundamental values: sovereignty, territorial integrity, the prohibition of the use of force except when consistent with the UN Charter, and respect for human rights. Pragmatic in recognizing that progress is often incremental, that interests diverge, that not every partner will share all of our values.

We are engaging broadly, strategically, with open eyes. We actively take on the world as it is, not wait around for a world we wish to be. We are calibrating our relationships, so their depth reflects our values. We are prioritizing broad engagement to maximize our influence, given the fluidity of the world at the moment, the risks that this poses, and the stakes for what comes next. We are no longer just relying on the strength of our values, but also on the value of our strength. We are building that strength at home. Since my government took office, we have cut taxes on incomes, on capital gains and business investment, we have removed all federal barriers to interprovincial trade, we are fast-tracking a trillion dollars of investment in energy, AI, critical minerals, new trade corridors and beyond. We are doubling our defence spending by the end of this decade and we are doing so in ways that builds our domestic industries. And we are rapidly diversifying abroad. We have agreed a comprehensive strategic partnership with the EU, including joining SAFE, Europe's defence procurement arrangements. We have signed twelve other trade and security deals on four continents in six months. The past few days, we have concluded new strategic partnerships with China and Qatar. We are negotiating free trade pacts with India, ASEAN, Thailand, Philippines and Mercosur.

We're doing something else. To help solve global problems, we are pursuing variable geometry – in other words, different coalitions for different issues, based on common values and interests. So, on Ukraine, we are a core member of the Coalition of the Willing and one of the largest per-capita contributors to its defence and security. On Arctic sovereignty, we stand firmly with Greenland and Denmark and fully support their unique right to determine Greenland's future. Our commitment to NATO's Article 5 is unwavering. We are working with our NATO allies (including the Nordic Baltic Eight) to further secure the alliance's northern and western flanks, including through Canada's unprecedented investments in over-the-horizon radar, in submarines, in aircraft and boots on the ground, boots on the ice.

Canada strongly opposes tariffs over Greenland and calls for focused talks to achieve our shared objectives of security and prosperity in the Arctic. On plurilateral trade, we are championing efforts to build a bridge between the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the European Union, which would create a new trading block of 1.5 billion people. On critical minerals, we are forming buyer's clubs anchored in the G7 so that the world can diversify away from concentrated supply. And on AI, we are co-operating with like-minded democracies to ensure we will not ultimately be forced to choose between hegemony and hyperscalers. This is not naive multilateralism. Nor is it relying on their institutions. It's building coalitions that work, issue by issue, with partners who share enough common ground to act together. In some cases, this will be the vast majority of nations. What it's doing is creat-

ing a dense web of connections across trade, investment, culture on which we can draw for future challenges and opportunities.

Argue that middle powers must act together because if we're not at the table, we're on the menu. But I'll also say that great powers, great powers can afford for now to go it alone. They have the market size, the military capacity, and the leverage to dictate terms. Middle powers do not. But when we only negotiate bilaterally with a hegemon, we negotiate from weakness. We accept what's offered. We compete with each other to be the most accommodating. This is not sovereignty. It's the performance of sovereignty while accepting subordination. In a world of great power rivalry, the countries in between have a choice: compete with each other for favour or to combine to create a third path with impact. We shouldn't allow the rise of hard power to blind us to the fact that the power of legitimacy, integrity, and rules will remain strong – if we choose to wield them together.

Which brings me back to Havel. What does it mean for middle powers to "live the truth?" First, it means naming reality. Stop invoking "rules-based international order" as though it still functions as advertised. Call it what it is: a system of intensifying great power rivalry where the most powerful pursue their interests using economic integration as coercion. It means acting consistently. Apply the same standards to allies and rivals. When middle powers criticize economic intimidation from one direction but stay silent when it comes from another, we are keeping the sign in the window. It means building what we claim to believe in. Rather than waiting for the old order to be restored it means creating institutions and agreements that function as described. And it means reducing the leverage that enables coercion.

Building a strong domestic economy should be every government's priority. And diversification internationally is not just economic prudence; it is a material foundation for honest foreign policy. Because countries earn the right to principled stands by reducing their vulnerability to retaliation. So, Canada has what the world wants. We are an energy superpower. We hold vast reserves of critical minerals. We have the most educated population in the world. Our pension funds are amongst the world's largest and most sophisticated investors. In other words, we have capital, talent, we also a government with immense fiscal capacity to act decisively.

And we have the values to which many others aspire. Canada is a pluralistic society that works. Our public square is loud, diverse, and free. Canadians remain committed to sustainability. We are a stable and reliable partner – in a world that is anything but – a partner that builds and values relationships for the long term. We have something else: We have a recognition of what is happening and a determination to act accordingly. We understand that this rupture calls for more than adaptation. It calls for honesty about the world as it is. We are taking the sign out of the window. We know the old order is not coming back. We should not mourn it. Nostalgia is not a strategy. But we believe that from the fracture, we can build something better, stronger, more just. This is the task of the middle powers, the countries that have the most to lose from a world of fortresses and the most to gain from genuine co-operation. The powerful have their power. But we have something too – the capacity to stop pretending, to name reality, to build our strength at home, and to act together. That is Canada's path. We choose it openly and confidently. And it is a path wide open to any country willing to take it with us.



Launch

# GREENING BELIZE INITIATIVE

## Restoring Forests - Empowering Communities

*“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second-best time is now.”*



**January 27, 2026** - The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management officially launched the Greening Belize Initiative, a **national forest restoration and climate resilience programme aimed at planting one million trees across Belize by 2035**. Supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the GEF6 Project, the initiative focuses on restoring wildfire-affected and degraded landscapes while advancing sustainable land management nationwide.

Spearheaded by the Belize Forest Department, Greening Belize aligns with Belize’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), the National Landscape Restoration Strategy, and international commitments such as the Bonn Challenge. The programme integrates large-scale tree planting with innovation through the Greening Belize App, a centralized digital platform that enables real-time monitoring, verification, public participation, and transparent reporting of restoration efforts, strengthening governance and data-driven decision-making.

A key component of the initiative is the Belize River Watershed Micro-Grants Programme, which will provide targeted funding to support community-led conservation and sustainable livelihood projects. As part of the launch, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Community Baboon Sanctuary (CBS) and the Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology (BEST) to support the delivery and implementation of the grant. The programme will empower community-based organizations, Indigenous Peoples, women-led initiatives, farmers, and youth groups to undertake projects such as riparian restoration, climate-smart agriculture, biodiversity conservation, reforestation, and environmental education, ensuring local communities play a central role in protecting the Belize River Watershed.

The launch ceremony was attended by Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize; Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management; Milagro Matus, CEO of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management; and Michael Lund, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative. A symbolic tree-planting ceremony was held at the Ministry grounds, during which the Greening Belize App was officially deployed. Minister Habet remarked, *“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second-best time is now.”* The event marked a significant milestone in Belize’s efforts to restore degraded land, strengthen climate resilience, and secure long-term environmental and socio-economic benefits for all Belizeans.

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Residents and organization are year round planting tree around Belize. This Greening effort will add to that in a big way. Belize is a small country that can make a small difference in the world of climate change but we can be a great example to follow. If all residents with properties would ensure that they come on board with this effort, we can successfully plant the million trees and more.

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**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS**  
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Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 20 January 2026 and will be redeemed on Tuesday 21 April 2026.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to [bids@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:bids@centralbank.org.bz) or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 16 January 2026.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday 20 January 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize**  
**Account: GLICORP0402627**

**The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.**

**CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE**

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website ([www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz))

**2 January 2026**



## FREQUENCY AUTHORISATION NOTICE

Media House Consultants hereby informs the public that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2002, as amended from time to time, that Reef Radio, San Pedro, Belize has applied to the PUC for the use of frequency spectrum to provide a Repeater Transmitter of Reef Radio programming at Northern Highway. Belize City.

|                                  | Coordinates |           | Frequency Range [Units, eg, MHz] |       |            |                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Location Name                    | Latitude    | Longitude | Lower Edge                       | Mid   | Upper Edge | Description                                     |
| Praxair Tower, Northern Highway, | 17°30'28N   | 88°13'00W | 88mhz                            | 98mhz | 108mhz     | 6 Bay 5Kw FM Repeater for Reef Radio, San Pedro |
|                                  |             |           |                                  |       |            |                                                 |
|                                  |             |           |                                  |       |            |                                                 |

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on this application within two (2) weeks of this publication. Comments can be sent to [telecom@puc.bz](mailto:telecom@puc.bz)





INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of Two (2) Industrial Wood Chippers

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of two (2) wooden chippers.

Required Specifications not limited to:

1. Engine: Gasoline Powered, minimum 25HP
2. Usage: Suitable for municipal or institutional use
3. Configuration: Trailer-mounted or towable
4. Delivery: Fully assembled, tested, and ready for operation
5. Spare Parts: several parts must be included
6. Warranty: One (1) Year

For a complete Request for Quotation, which details further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz)

Deadline for submission: February 6th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of Three (3) Pickup Trucks for the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the BSWMA within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of three (3) pickup trucks.

Minimum Required Specifications:

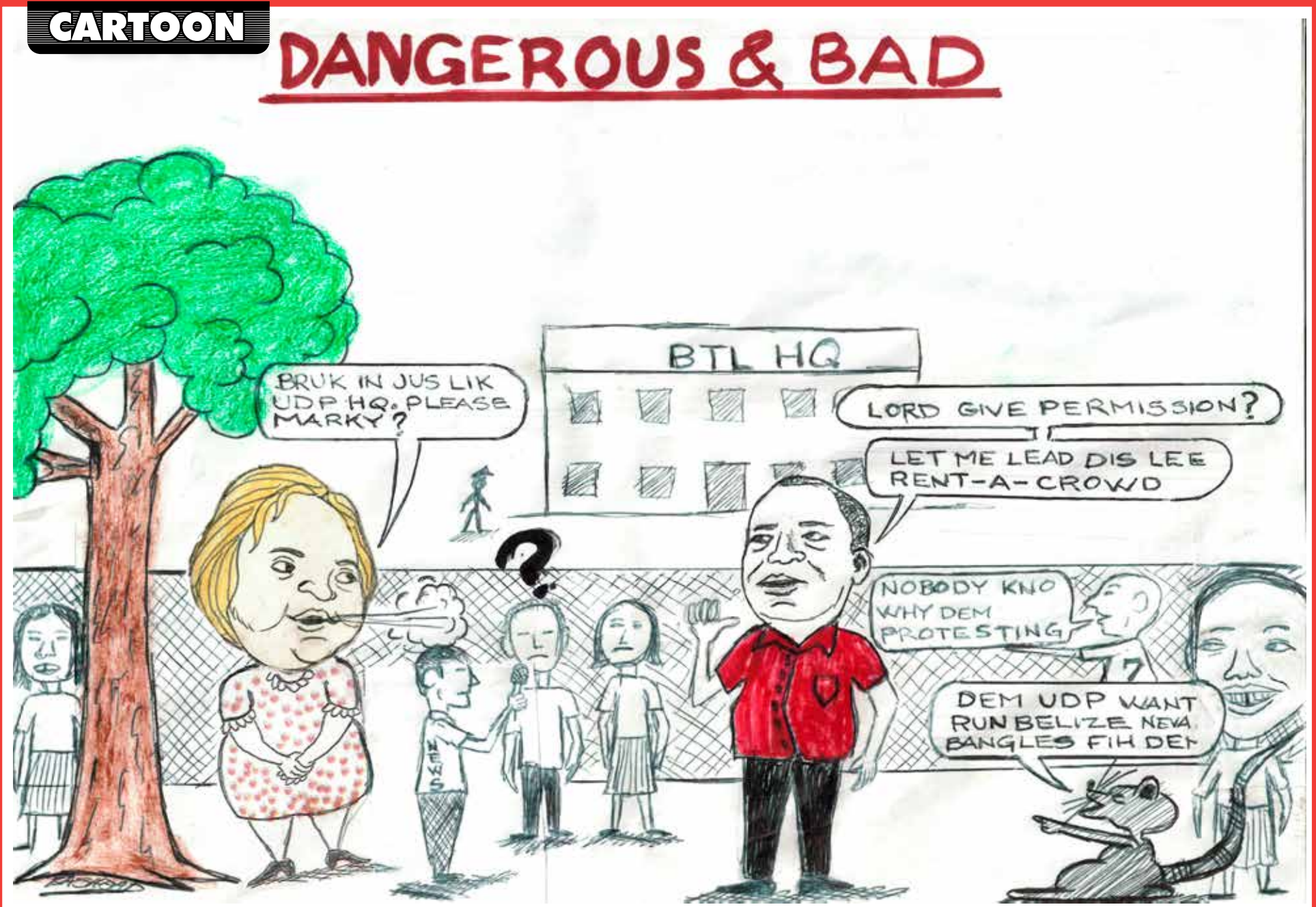
1. Model Year: 2025 or newer
2. Engine: 1.5 – 3.0 L Turbo Diesel
3. Transmission: Two (2) Automatic & One (1) Manual
4. Warranty: Five Years / 100,000KM Bumper to Bumper
5. Delivery: Within 6 weeks from award

For a complete Request for Quotation, which details further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz)

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# PM JOHN BRICEÑO

## Visit to BCVI-Belize City



"BCVI has made major contributions for over 40 years via its community service eye care program. Today, Special Envoy Mrs. Rossana Briceño and I were given a guided tour through the Center's facility by their Executive Director, Mrs. Carla Ayers Musa."

## PUP National Executive meeting



The People's United Party met as it does periodically in mature party discussion. The meeting was especially unique as they sat surrounded by history. The Independence Hall is the current venue for the 75th Anniversary Exhibit. It moves to San Pedro in February pre-Valentine's week. The smooth and efficient discussion at these meetings ensures that the PUP continues to Serve the People.

## Condolences to George Frazer



February 1, 1947 - January 23, 2026

"We express condolences on the passing of lifelong educator and union activist George Frazer. Throughout our interaction, George showed he understood that the Unions are not outside the political system — they are part of its foundation. That unions advocate for development, speak for people, and he tried to show that partnership is possible even when views differ. Because we recognize that real progress is not built on agreement alone, but on mutuality, respect, and a shared commitment to improving lives, today we recognize him and his contributions. May he rest in peace. Condolences to his family and friends."

HON. JOHN BRICEÑO &  
THE ORANGE WALK CENTRAL EXECUTIVE  
PRESENTS...

# NIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY 6PM- 12 MIDNIGHT  
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ORANGE WALK TOWN

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FOR BOOTH INFORMATION & BOOKING



# Punta Gorda Welcome Center Gateway Opens in Toledo



The Punta Gorda Welcome Center officially opened today, signaling a major investment in tourism development and community pride in southern Belize. The BZ\$800,000 facility, funded by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB), is designed to serve as a central hub for visitors to the Toledo District, offering information on attractions, cultural experiences, and essential services while highlighting the area’s rich heritage.

Tourism stakeholders say the center will improve the visitor experience, support small and medium-sized businesses, and encourage longer stays in the district. The initiative also aligns with national efforts to promote sustainable tourism while ensuring local communities benefit directly from growth.

Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) President Efrain Perez described the center as a critical platform for collaboration and visibility. *“This provides us a venue to enhance the tourism environment in Toledo and really showcase it, not only to locals but also to our international guests,”* Perez said, adding that public-private partnerships are already yielding positive results.

Area Representative for Toledo East, Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, said Toledo is

a hidden gem finally being refined for global appreciation. *“You have a wonderful product that has been hidden for too long,”* Martinez said. *“This welcome center is not just walls—it is here to play a main role in promoting tourism so that the people of*



*Punta Gorda and Toledo can feel proud of what they own.”* He stressed that development requires collective effort beyond politics, calling on communities to work together to elevate service standards and hospitality.

Minister of Tourism and Diaspora Relations, Hon. Anthony Mahler, emphasized that the project reflects Belizean-driven planning rather than foreign prescriptions. *“This project was designed and delivered by Belizeans,”* Mahler said. *“We spoke to communities and stakeholders about what is needed to improve the quality of the visitor experience.”* He reiterated that the future growth of tourism lies in the deep south, citing Toledo’s natural, cultural, and historical wealth.

Punta Gorda Mayor Carlos Galvez wel-



comed the opening as a milestone for the town. *“This center belongs to the people of Punta Gorda and will help position our town as a proud gateway to southern Belize,”* he said.

CEO Solano, Director of Tourism Evan Tillett, and Chairman of the BTA in Toledo, Robert Pinel, and other stakeholders were present.

The opening of the Punta Gorda Welcome Center underscores ongoing efforts to position Toledo as a key tourism destination while preserving its unique identity. As officials and residents look ahead, the message was clear: tourism growth in the south must be community-centered, sustainable, and proudly Belizean.



Ministry of  
Human Development,  
Family Support, and  
Gender Affairs

## WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

Next Week’s Feature:

### Disability Desk

How does the Ministry support persons with disabilities and promote inclusion across Belize?

Next Wednesday, the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs continues its What We Do Wednesday series by highlighting the work of the Disability Desk, which provides support services, advocacy, referrals, and coordination aimed at promoting dignity, accessibility, and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities.

Learn more about how the Ministry works with individuals, families, and partners to support inclusion and improve quality of life.

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Ministry of Human Development, Family Support  
and Gender Affairs

Serving People. Strengthening Families. Building  
Communities.

## MOBILE IMMIGRATION HUB IN COLLET

The Ministry of Immigration, Governance and Labour (MIGL) brought essential immigration and passport services directly to residents of Belize City through a two-day mobile service hub, underscoring the government’s push to improve access, efficiency, and customer service.

The mobile hub operated on January 24 and 25 at the Gateway Youth Center near Gwen Lizarraga High School, along the George Price Highway entrance to Belize City. Over the weekend, public officers from multiple departments worked side by side to process passport renewals, first-time passport applications, nationality matters, permanent residence services, and border-related documentation.

Assistant Director of the Nationality and Passport Department, Kimberly Timmons, said the initiative highlighted strong coordination within the Ministry. *“We are here with our sister departments in the Ministry,”* Timmons said. *“At the Gateway Center, we are handling passport renewals, first-time passport applications, residency applications for people who qualify for nationality, and replacements for persons who already have nationality certificates and prefer a more*

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# MOBILE IMMIGRATION HUB IN COLLET



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updated and modern one."

Timmons explained that mobile service delivery was introduced in 2023 after the Ministry identified gaps in access to immigration services. "We have been doing this since 2023 because we see the need for this type of service in different areas of Belize," she said. "We have teams that target people who find it difficult to reach our offices or who cannot come during regular office hours. We take these services to the community to reinforce our commitment to customer service."

The Department of Border Management and Immigration Services provided key operational support during the outreach. Andrea Jones, Port Commander at the Belize City Immigration Office, said her team worked closely with the Nationality and Passport Department to ensure continuity and guidance for applicants. "Our work is supplementary," Jones said. "We document foreigners from the time they enter Belize and assist in regularizing their extended stay up to the point where they seek residency. It is a less intimidating environment where documents can be updated while learning how to remain legal in Belize."

Supervisor at the Nationality and Passport Office in Belize City, Tyrell Green, noted that the hub allowed applicants to complete multiple processes in one location. "New or replacement cards can be done here," Green said. "People with permanent residence stamped in their passports can transition to a card. Nationality through marriage, descent, or registration can also be processed."

Minister of Immigration, Governance and Labour, Hon. Kareem Musa, visited the site during the outreach and engaged with officers and members of the public. Ministry officials said his visit demonstrated appreciation for staff who dedicated their weekend time to ensure the success of the mobile hub.

The Ministry also acknowledged the support of Hon. Devin Daly, Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Area Representative for Collet. Officials said Daly's team played a critical role in outreach by informing residents about the services, contributing to strong public participation over the two days.

All services normally offered at main immigration offices were available at the hub, including passport applications and biometrics, nationality services, permanent residence appli-

cations, and border crossing card applications. MIGL said similar mobile hubs will continue nationwide as part of its broader strategy to improve access, coordination, and service delivery for Belizeans and residents alike.





# NWC

First official Women’s  
Month 2026 Planning  
Meeting

## “Balance the Scales”



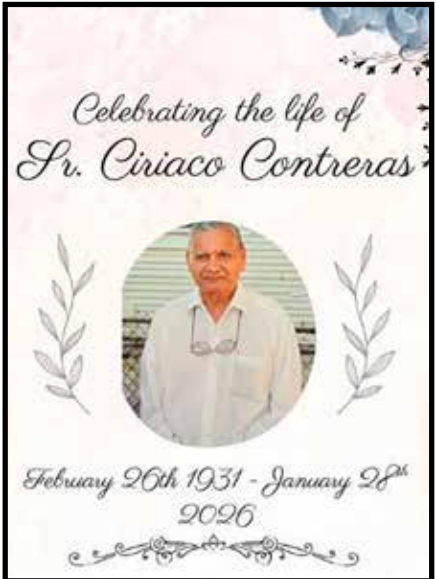
The National Women’s Commission, in collaboration with its partners, held its first official Women’s Month 2026 Planning Meeting on January 21, 2026.

The National Theme selected for Women’s Month 2026 is “Balance the Scales”.

This theme reflects a collective commitment to ensuring that every woman and girl is safe, heard and empowered to shape her own

In 2026, the call is for real action, to transform justice systems, amplifying marginalized voices, and ensuring equality is the norm rather than the exception.

In keeping with this year’s theme, the National Women’s Commission warmly welcomes all partners, collaborators, and supporters to adopt the National Theme and begin submitting proposed activities for Women’s Month 2026. (post)



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### GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, CIVIL AVIATION, AND E-GOVERNANCE REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP) N° CABEI-CS-001- 2147/2026



#### BACKGROUND

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective of improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary member countries, is providing the total financing for the procurement of a consultant to fill the role of Procurement Officer in the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP). The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The General Objectives of the consultancy to be contracted are to ensure the timely procurement of all Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies subject to CABEI’s Procurement Guidelines and Belize’s Procurement Guidelines.

The Ministry of **Economic Transformation** now invites interested consultants to present their expressions of interest along with their respective resumes to participate in the selection process for the consultancy of a Procurement Officer with the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Procurement Officer is responsible for overall and day-to-day procurement activities for goods, works, services, and consultancies, subject to CABEI Procurement Guidelines and in accordance with the Project’s Operations Manual and the Loan Contract. The Procurement Officer will prepare Annual Procurement Plans (APP) and develop technical specifications for goods, works, and services contained in the APP. In addition to preparing monthly Procurement Reports for the Project Coordinator, he/she will prepare Quarterly Reports detailing the goods and services procured and funds disbursed for the previous period, the challenges encountered, and how they were resolved. He/she will also be responsible for contract administration.

#### SUPERVISION AND REPORTING

The Procurement Officer will work under the general guidance and report directly to the Project Coordinator. The post will be based at the Office of the Programme Executing Unit in Belmopan.

#### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate shall have at least a bachelor’s degree in business administration, Procurement, Public Administration, Business Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Law, Engineering or other related disciplines, or a master’s degree in accounting, finance, economics, business administration, procurement, law, public administration, engineering, business management, or other related disciplines. A minimum of three (3) years’ experience in procurement processes of goods, works, and consulting services, and prior project management training or experience will be considered an advantage. Experience working with Multilateral Banks and knowledge of CABEI’s procurement guidelines and procedures will be positively valued. Knowledge of written and spoken Spanish would be an asset.

#### TERMS

The Procurement Officer will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020 / PRE-40/2021). The successful candidate will be employed on a full-time contractual basis; the initial contract will be for one year.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and the complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Execution Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to [procurement\\_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz) and copied to [adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz) and [projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz) during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Transformation’s webpage, <https://met.gov.bz>, to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Government of Belize’s Procurement Portal <https://procurement.gov.bz>

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Expressions of interest, along with a Resume, must be sent via electronic mail (email) to [procurement\\_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:procurement_officer.bisp@met.gov.bz) and copied to [adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz) and [projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz) or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

Late submissions will not be considered.

**Project Coordinator**  
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) Project Management Unit  
1904 Constitution Drive 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Unit #3 Belmopan City, Belize C.A.  
Ph # (501) 828-6106  
Ref: Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) Procurement Officer CABEI-CS-001 – 2147/2026





## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE, EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### CONSTRUCTION OF VERANDA ROOF AND VEHICLE & COASTER SHEDS FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BELMOPAN

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Culture, Science & Technology intends to construct a Veranda Roof and Vehicle & Coaster Sheds at its main offices located on North Ring Road in Belmopan.

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

An Engineer from the Project Execution Unit - Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works will include:

- Construction of Metal Roof on Existing Terrace (1740 SF)
- Construction of Vehicle Shed (7248 SF)
- Construction of Coaster Shed (528 SF)

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified experience in building construction of similar nature.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 5 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in Similar Works (Building Construction)
- Contract Management Experience: 5 Years
- Access to Line of Credit: \$200,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz\$250,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 2 February 2026**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz\$500.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one hard copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant.

A Site Visit will be conducted on **Thursday 5 February 2026 at 10:00am**. Bidders shall congregate at the Ministry's main office on North Ring Road in Belmopan.

All Bidding Documents properly completed should reach the office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below no later than **Friday 20 February 2026 at 10:00 am**. The Ministry shall not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**  
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator  
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing  
Power Lane  
Belmopan  
**BELIZE C.A.**

Tel: +501-828-5221  
Email: [peu@midh.gov.bz](mailto:peu@midh.gov.bz)



# In 2026, The Work Continues

## PM John Briceño, OW Central



**National Executive Meeting at Independence Hall**  
**Iconic Backdrop: 75th Anniversary Exhibit**



**Target: To plant 1 Million trees around Belize**



**Min. Mahler, Tourism; w/ Hons. Martinez & Requena**



**Inauguration of the Punta Gorda Welcome Center**



**Min. Rodwell Ferguson, SC West & MAFSNGI**  
**Resolving Land Issues and Delivering Documents**



**Visiting Vanilla & Cacao Plantation**

## Hon. Henry Usher, Fort George



**Golden Citizens Annual George Price Day Event**

## Min. Musa, Immigration, Labour & Governance



**Familiarization Visit to Labour Offices**

## w/ Hon. Devin Daly, Collet



**Collaborating and Serving w/ an Immigration Hub**



## Belize City Council



**Intense Paving at Iguana Street**



## Benque Town Council



**Winning Incentives at a Public Meeting**

## Hon. Marconi Leal, Jr., Belize Rural North



**Roadside Cleanup w/ constituents, here Isabella Bank**

## Education - Health



**ANRI Children Donate to Southern Regional Hospital**

## Hon. Osmond Martinez, Toledo East



**Private-Public Partnership: Synthetic turf for field**

## Hon. Ramiro Ramirez and Belize City Mayor Wagner



**At World Leader Summit for Love and Peace**

## Hon. Julius Espat, MIDH ALL OVER BELIZE



**Mile 8 on GPH is an example**

# VAMOS BIEN



**Minister Of Religious Affairs  
Engages with Muslim Leaders**

January 26, 2026 - Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of Religious Affairs, convened a constructive and respectful meeting on Friday, January 23, 2026, with leaders of the Muslim community to discuss matters relevant to the portfolio of Religious Affairs.

The session provided an important opportunity to listen to the perspectives and concerns of Muslim leaders, particularly regarding the evolving role of Religious Affairs within the Ministry. The Muslim leaders highlighted the value of dialogue, mutual respect, and representation in shaping policies that affect faith-based communities.

The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that Religious Affairs is managed in a manner that respects the diversity of beliefs practiced throughout Belize. It emphasized that all religious groups, including the Muslim community, play a vital role in the social fabric of the country and must be engaged meaningfully in national conversations.

Discussions also touched on the importance of strengthening collaboration, promoting understanding, and ensuring that government processes remain transparent, inclusive, and fair to all denominations. The Ministry conveyed its appreciation to the Muslim leaders for their willingness to engage openly and constructively.

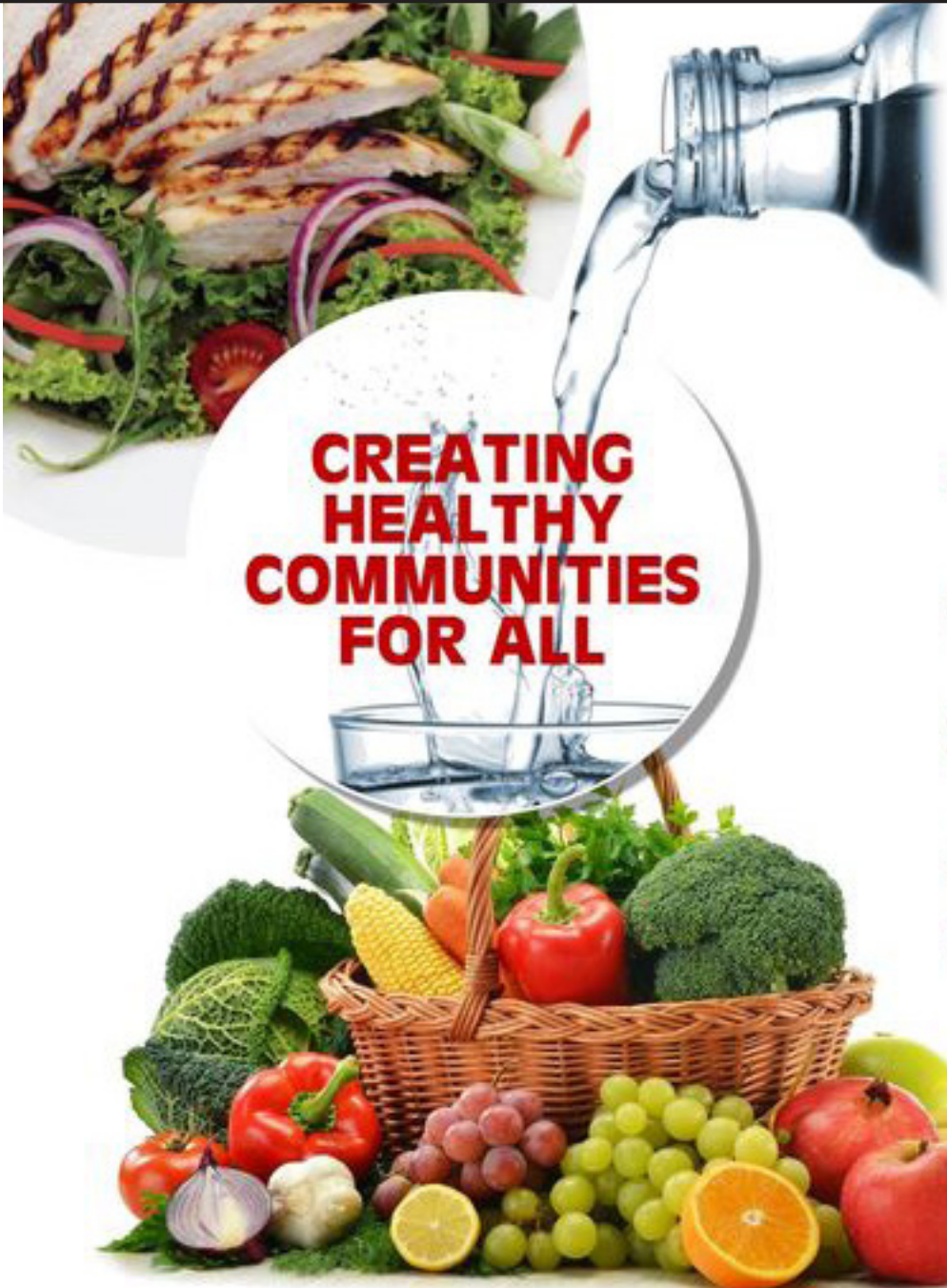
Moving forward, the Ministry will continue to partner with religious organizations nationwide as it further defines and develops the Religious Affairs portfolio. This meeting marks an important step in deepening cooperation and ensuring that policies are informed by the voices of all communities.

Present at the meeting were Imam Nuri Muhammad, Imam Kaleem El-Amin, Imam Muhammad Raees, and Aesha El-Amin Bradley, leaders from the Muslim Community. Also in attendance from the Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation were Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh; Ginee Neal, Director of Constitution and Religious Affairs; and Anna Loague, Director Planning and Research. (release)



# LESS SALT

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#ShakeTheHabit



# HEALTHY EATING

- Consume water instead of sweetened drinks
- Increase daily consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Reduce consumption of sugary and fatty foods
- Reduce salt/sodium intake
- Read food labels







REQUEST FOR BID  
(GOODS)



SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF  
MARINE MONITOR RADAR

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-CEU-460478-GO-RFB  
**Deadline:** February 16, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank for the Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds for the supply, installation and support of three (3) **Marine Monitor Radar** (hereinafter called “Goods”), to be used for coastal surveillance and enforcement at three of Belize’s Marine Reserves.

| No.   | Goods                           | Quantity                          |
|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lot 1 | Marine Monitoring Radar Systems | Available in the bidding document |

The Ministry of Finance invites bidders to access the complete bidding document at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding document.

**ATTN:**  
Procurement Specialist  
Ministry of Finance  
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan  
Tel: 501-822-4106  
[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



REQUEST FOR BID  
(GOODS)

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI-CEU-483430-GO-RFB  
**Deadline:** February 27, 2026; 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank (WB) for the execution of the Project: “Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project”.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds for the purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment (hereinafter called “Goods”).

| No.   | Item                  | Specifiacations & Quantity         |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lot 1 | Computer Equipment    | Available in the bidding documents |
| Lot 2 | Camera Drones         | Available in the bidding documents |
| Lot 3 | Office Furni-<br>ture | Available in the bidding documents |

**Bidders may submit a proposal for ONE LOT or for ALL THREE Lots. Each bid submitted must include every item within the selected lot to be considered responsive.**

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[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



NOTICE  
Request for  
Prequalification (RFPQ)

Utility-Scale Solar PV Projects  
in Belize (80 MW)

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), invites qualified private-sector developers to participate in a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for landmark utility-scale solar PV projects in Belize.

To deliver this initiative, the GoB has engaged the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, acting through its Advisory Services division, as lead transaction advisor. The Project is being structured under the globally recognized Scaling Solar initiative, which promotes an open, competitive, and transparent procurement process to accelerate the deployment of privately owned utility-scale solar projects.

Procurement Process

The RFPQ represents the first stage of a competitive bidding process. Its purpose is to prequalify developers with the technical experience, financial capacity, and delivery capability required to implement large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. Only prequalified bidders will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.



Project Overview

**Total Capacity:**  
Up to 80 MW of  
grid-connected  
utility-scale solar PV

**Sites:**  
3 to 4 locations across Belize

**Commercial Structure:**  
Independent Power Producer  
(IPP) model

**Role of the Private Sector:**  
Design, finance, construct,  
own, operate, and maintain the  
solar PV facilities

Objectives of the Project

This strategic investment is a cornerstone of Belize’s energy transition and is intended to:



Increase renewable  
energy generation to  
support Belize’s target  
of 75% renewable  
electricity by 2030



Reduce foreign  
exchange outflows  
associated with  
electricity imports



Strengthen national  
energy security and  
system reliability

Access to RFPQ

The full RFQ document, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and timelines, is available at:

[www.bel.com.bz/Tenders](http://www.bel.com.bz/Tenders)

Belize is open for clean energy investment. Qualified developers are encouraged to participate in this transformative project that will shape the country’s sustainable energy future.



Modernization

Northern Regional and Punta Gorda  
Community Hospitals  
CABEI Funds Feasibility Study

“...continued commitment to driving sustainable development through strategic investments” January 23, 2026 - Under the leadership of Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister, and with support from the Ministry of Economic Transformation and the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the government has advanced a major healthcare infrastructure initiative through non-reimbursable financing from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI). The funding supports a Feasibility Study and Design for the construction and equipping of the Northern Regional Hospital in Orange Walk Town and the Punta Gorda Community Hospital in Toledo District.



The 12-month study is designed to lay the groundwork for modern, resilient, and well-equipped healthcare facilities that respond to the evolving needs of Belizean communities. It will assess existing services and infrastructure at both hospitals, identify critical gaps, and propose strategic improvements aimed at enhancing service delivery, patient care, and operational efficiency.

This preparatory phase represents a critical step in strengthening Belize’s healthcare sector, ensuring that future investments are evidence-based and aligned with international standards and best practices. The study will also guide decisions related to facility design, medical equipment needs, and long-term functionality to support improved health outcomes in northern and southern Belize.

The consultancy contract has been awarded to a consortium comprising BIAS Architects and VIELCA Ingenieros, firms with proven expertise in healthcare infrastructure planning and design. As part of the initial phase of the assignment, the consortium conducted a mission to Belize from January 21 to 23, 2026.

The initial trip began on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, when the consultants met with Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Ladrack Sheppard, Mayor of Orange Walk Town, at the Northern Regional Hospital to do a tour of the hospital.

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, the consultants met with Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government,

Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State at the Ministry of Economic Transformation, and Mr. Carlos Galvez, Mayor of Punta Gorda Town, at the Punta Gorda Hospital. The site visits allowed consultants and leaders to engage directly with hospital administrators and technical personnel to gather key information that will inform the study and design process. This CABEI-funded initiative underscores MET’s continued commitment to driving sustain-

able development through strategic investments that improve access to quality healthcare services and enhance the wellbeing of Belizeans across the country (release)



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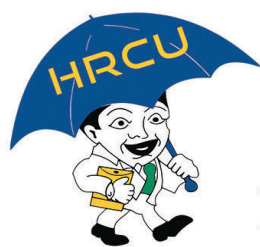
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HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED

VACANCY



A vacancy exists at the Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited for a Branch Supervisor for its Belmopan Office

JOB SUMMARY:

The Branch Supervisor will be responsible for supervising the operations of HRCU’s Belmopan Branch Office. This will include but not be limited to: supervising all banking operations, overseeing the loans portfolio for the Belmopan area, supervising the onboarding of new members, ensuring world-class service to HRCU members, coordinating all branch activities in accordance with HRCU’s policies and procedures, reporting to Senior management, supervising office staff, meeting strategic targets set by the Board to move the credit union forward, and coordinating HRCU’s participation in community programs in Belmopan and surrounding areas.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor’s degree in business management, accounting, finance or related discipline
- Proven work experience in a supervisory position for at least 3 years
- Working knowledge of MS Office tools, modern banking systems, and related technology.
- Track record of excellence in customer service.
- Strong understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a supervisor.
- The following would be distinct advantages:
  - Bilingual
  - Experience in planning, budgeting, formal report writing
  - Exposure to AML/CFT/CPF policies and procedures
  - Exposure to ERM policies and procedures

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

- Be independent and objective.
- Be able to lead, coach, and supervise the Belmopan HRCU team.
- Be able to effectively communicate with Management, staff, and other stakeholders.
- Be resourceful, team player, efficient, and of the highest integrity.
- Be skilled in technical, business, communication, and people management.

REMUNERATION:

Based on qualifications and work experience

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 3:00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested persons must submit the following:

- Application Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of Diplomas or Certificates
- Three recent Letters of Recommendation, (two must be professional references)
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Police record (no older than six months)



**Send application package to:**  
Human Resources Manager  
Holy Redeemer Credit Union Ltd  
1 Hydes Lane  
P.O. BOX 544  
Belize City

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Or email package to: [manager@hrcubelize.org](mailto:manager@hrcubelize.org)

Only short-listed candidates will be invited to an interview



# Inauguration in Sarteneja Village

## Ministry of Rural Transformation and Partners

### \$2.2 Million Rehabilitated Water System



Burns, the Conservation Investment Manager for PACT, and Mr. Cornelio Acosta, Chairman of Belize Water Services (BWS), alongside members of the Sarteneja Village Council and Water-board.

The proceedings concluded with a collective recognition of the project's

transformative impact on Sarteneja. The speakers emphasized that the \$2.2 million expenditure serves as a direct investment in the fundamental pillars of community health and economic development. By integrating these improvements, the Ministry and its partners have implemented a proactive solution to various challenges that will ensure the village remains a resilient and thriving community. This inauguration stands as a definitive testament to the power of multi-agency partnerships in delivering high-value infrastructure that empowers rural Belizeans and se-

cures their future well-being. (release)

The Government of Belize has shown its social justice upbringing by adding access to water to housing, land, health care, education and jobs. Without water none of the five pillars can even be imagined. The PUP government has made good on that policy choice to make sure that water is accessible daily to our most remote of communities. The PUP has a great heart and the people has seen it and feel it.

January 23, 2026 - The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government, in a landmark partnership with the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), officially inaugurated the newly rehabilitated Sarteneja Village Water System today. This vital infrastructure project, representing a total investment of \$2.2 million, was made possible through the collaborative funding of PACT, UNICEF, the South Korean Fund, and the Government of Belize. This significant financial commitment marks a major milestone in the national effort to provide sustainable, high-capacity water services to rural and coastal communities.

The comprehensive rehabilitation project was designed to address both the long-term quality of the water supply and the administrative efficiency of the local water board. It included the procurement and installation of a state-of-the-art Reverse Osmosis System and a high-performance backup generator to ensure a continuous supply of potable water. Beyond the advanced filtration technology, the project encompassed the full restoration of the reservoir and the water board office. To ensure operational sus-



tainability of the system, the initiative also provided 250 individual water meters and a bulk meter, allowing for the precise tracking of total village water usage. Furthermore, the office was equipped with a new laptop and printer to modernize billing and record-keeping processes.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government; Hon. Florencio Marin Jr., Area Representative of Corozal Southeast; and Dr. Olusila Oladeji, the Health and Nutrition Specialist for UNICEF. They were joined by Mr. Valentino Shal, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government, Ms. Robbin



## CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE



### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

#### ASSISTANT CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Internal Audit Department.

The Internal Audit Department is an independent, objective assurance and consulting function that evaluates and improves the Central Bank's internal controls, risk management, and governance processes. The Assistant Chief Internal Auditor conducts specialized audits and leads the assigned team in assessing internal controls, effectively communicating findings and recommendations, and monitoring responses and ameliorative actions.

##### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist the Chief Internal Auditor in the strategic planning and management of the Internal Audit Department.
- Provide guidance and performance management to the audit team, ensuring quality control assurance on audit engagement planning, performance, and reporting.
- Communicate audit findings and recommendations to management.
- Oversee the Internal Audit Department's continuous monitoring activities to give assurance on the integrity of critical Central Bank processes and systems.
- Monitor and validate the implementation of audit recommendations and management action plans.
- Coordinate and provide training and development opportunities to ensure the audit team meets the Internal Audit Continued Professional Development (CPD) standard.
- Provide expert consultation on the development and installation of systems and procedures and maintenance of a strong and effective control environment.
- Plan, manage, and perform assigned specialized audits.
- Lead investigations into suspected fraudulent activities and report findings to the Chief Internal Auditor.
- Perform other duties necessary to fulfill the requirements of the audit function as assigned.

The applicants should possess the following:

##### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A recognized professional certification in accounting (CPA/ ACCA) and/or internal auditing (CIA, CISA), with
  - A master's degree in accounting, banking, or finance from a recognized university, with at least three (3) years of relevant experience; **or**
  - A bachelor's degree in accounting, banking, or finance with at least six (6) years of relevant experience.

##### TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of the Central Bank of Belize Act, the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, internal control processes, auditing, and accounting principles; investigative and reporting skills; ability to apply relevant methodologies and tools effectively to audit engagements; computer literate and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

##### COMPETENCIES

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Government of Belize  
Basic Needs Trust Fund Eleventh Project (BNTF11) - GA 79/BZE

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Water System Extension and Upgrade and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Methodologies being Utilised in Otoxha Village, Toledo District, Belize.

#### Request for Expressions of Interest

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of financing the Basic needs Trust Fund Eleventh (BNTF 11) Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Executing Agency (EA), now wishes to procure the consultancy services for the Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Water System Extension and Upgrade and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Methodologies being Utilized in Otoxha Village, Toledo District, Belize.

The objective of the consultancies is to provide consulting engineering services that encompass the engineering design and construction supervision services for the Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Water System Extension and Upgrade and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Methodologies being Utilized in Otoxha Village.

Further details and the Draft Terms of Reference can be made available upon request by contacting Address 1 below. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately thirty-six (36) non-consecutive months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services. Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and / or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website (caribank.org).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and supervision services on education infrastructure projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability (liquidity ratio) and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the "EOI Consulting firms template" which can be made available upon request by contacting Address 1 below.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the address 1 below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the address 1 (BSIF) and address 2 (CDB) below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on February 13, 2026**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked **"BNTF11 - Expressions of Interest - Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Water System Extension and Upgrade and Improved Sanitation and Hygiene Methodologies being Utilised in Otoxha Village, Toledo District, Belize"**.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

#### Addresses:

1. **Senior Procurement Officer**  
Belize Social Investment Fund  
3rd Floor  
#4253 Hummingbird Highway  
Belmopan  
BELIZE  
Tel. (501) 822-0239;  
Fax. (501) 822-0279  
Email: [submissions@sifbelize.org](mailto:submissions@sifbelize.org)  
cc: [stephanie.rodriquez@sifbelize.org](mailto:stephanie.rodriquez@sifbelize.org)

2. **Procurement Officer**  
Caribbean Development Bank  
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Wilkey  
St. Michael  
BARBADOS, W.I.  
Tel. (246) 431-1600;  
Fax. (246) 426-7269  
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**Saint Catherine Academy**  
**Valentine's Fair**  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2026  
4 PM TO 12 MIDNIGHT  
SCA GROUNDS

➤ **LOTS OF FOOD (MIDDAY & NIGHT)**  
➤ **DRINKS**  
➤ **CORN DOGS**  
➤ **COTTON CANDY**  
➤ **CAKES & PASTRIES**

➤ **GAMES**  
➤ **PHOTO BOOTH**  
➤ **MECHANICAL BULL**  
➤ **TOMBOLA**  
➤ **LOVE SHOP**

**DANCE 8 PM TO 12 MIDNIGHT**  
OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOLERS

**"LOVE IS THE BEAUTY OF THE SOUL."**  
—SAINT AUGUSTINE



#### INVITATION TO BID

**Institution:** MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

**Tender:** Prefabricated Wooden Office Building & Concrete Foundation

The Government of Belize, acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management (MSDCCSWM), hereby invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified companies for the design (where required), **supply, fabrication, delivery, construction, installation, and commissioning** of one (1) prefabricated wooden office building, inclusive of an elevated **reinforced concrete foundation system**, in accordance with the requirements set out in the Request for Quotation (RFQ).

#### General Project Description:

- § Procurement of one (1) prefabricated wooden office building measuring 40 ft x 20 ft, intended for administrative and office space.
- § The building shall be installed on a reinforced concrete foundation designed to elevate the structure and provide a **minimum clear vertical clearance of nine (9) feet** beneath the building.
- § The elevated foundation shall be designed to allow for a future enclosed office or functional space to be constructed below the prefabricated building.
- § An attached **floor plan** of the prefabricated building forms an integral part of this RFQ and shall guide internal layout, access points, room configuration, and functional requirements

#### Scope of Works:

Includes, but is not limited to the following, of which the Contractor shall **be fully responsible** for coordination between foundation works and building installation:

- Detailed site assessment and foundation layout.
- Design (where required), construction, and completion of a reinforced concrete foundation system in accordance with Belize's minimum building standards.
- Supply, fabrication, transportation, delivery, offloading, installation, testing, and commissioning of the prefabricated wooden office building.
- The installation of the prefabricated structure securely anchored to the reinforced concrete foundation.
- Construction of all associated structural, architectural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, accessibility, and safety components.
- Final inspection, testing, and handover of a fully operational and structurally sound facility.

For a complete Request for Quotation document, which details further important requirements as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz)

Deadline for submission: February 13th, 2026



## GOB Advances Development of MTDS 2026–2030

“We are on track, Vamos Bien.”

January 28, 2026 - The Government of Belize continues advancing the development of its Plan Belize Medium-Term Development Strategy (MTDS) 2026–2030, under the theme “We are on track, Vamos Bien.” These advancements resulted from a high-level meeting chaired by Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, and attended by Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Culture, Science, and Technology; Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management; Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support, and Gender Affairs; Mr. Carlos Pol, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Economic Transformation; and Ms. Zita Magaña, Deputy Financial Secretary, on behalf of the Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Waight.



The discussion focused on integrating lessons learned from the previous MTDS 2022–2026, promoting inclusive growth, and aligning the new strategy with national priorities and international development goals.

The new MTDS will be structured around six fundamental rights, including:

- Access to quality education and skills development
- Access to quality healthcare
- Being healthy and productive
- Access to employment
- Access to a piece of land
- Access to decent housing

The process includes broad stakeholder consultations with government actors and non-state actors. Cabinet has endorsed the process, guided by a Ministerial Steering Committee chaired by Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez and supported by a Technical Working Group chaired by Mr. Carlos Pol and led by Dr. Marcelino Avila, Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister.

In addition, consultations with CEOs and technical teams, and subsequently with non-state stakeholders, are expected to continue in February, followed by drafting in February and March. The final MTDS is scheduled for completion and launch by April 2026. (release)

## NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BELIZE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 2002, SI 110 OF 2002 THAT SPEEDNET COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED OF 2 ½ MILES NORTHERN HIGHWAY, BELIZE CITY HAS APPLIED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE &/OR PROVIDE MICROWAVE RADIO BACKHAUL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OF BELIZE.

| LOCATION START     |           | FREQUENCY            | FREQUENCY END        | LOCATION START     |           | FREQUENCY            | FREQUENCY END        |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
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Statement by the  
Ministry of Health and  
Wellness  
Condolences to Jenny  
Pinelo and Family  
Ministry also sets the  
record straight

January 25, 2026 - The Ministry of Health and Wellness expresses its condolences to the family of Jenny Pinelo on the passing of her baby. The Ministry also takes the opportunity to share information to clarify some concerns that relatives and the public may have.

Contrary to media reports, the reported lack of platelets did not contribute to the death of Jenny Pinelo's baby.

Between January 15 and January 22, 2026, 76 units of platelets were delivered to the Karl Huesner Memorial Hospital (KMH) upon request.

On January 21, the KMH requested 18 units of platelets from the blood bank, which were immediately supplied. Again, on January 22, another request came from KMH for 23 units, and again it was honoured immediately. All requests for platelets for Jenny Pinelo were honoured immediately.

It should be noted that the blood issued to patients is not necessarily the blood units donated by the respective replacement donors; the shelf life of a blood unit is 90 days. The purpose of the blood bank is to screen and store blood so it is always readily available. However, every effort is made for the relatives to replace the blood used.

Once a medical practitioner makes a request for blood for a patient, that request is honoured. The Blood Bank of Belize has no shortage of blood, blood products, supplies, or reagents to screen the blood. Blood drives are conducted continuously countrywide to ensure there is always an appropriate stock.

At the national level, all public hospitals, including the KMH, have sufficient stock available, especially on weekends. A medical technologist is ALWAYS on call, should there be a need.

The public is assured that the blood bank is given priority to ensure that all necessary reagents and supplies to provide blood and blood products are available. (release)



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email: [info@agriculture.gov.bz](mailto:info@agriculture.gov.bz)

Public Notice

National Agriculture and Trade Show 2026

Belmopan City, January 23, 2026:

The National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) Committee, under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries, hereby informs the general public that the NATS 2026 opening ceremonies will be held on April 30, and the show takes place on May 1, 2 and 3, under the theme, "Advancing Smart Agriculture: Building a Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Belizean Food System."

Preparation of the grounds is currently underway, and the public may contact 608-6639 about the availability of concession stands, food stalls, and commercial booth reservations.

For more information, please contact:

National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) Headquarters  
NATS Grounds  
Belmopan, Cayo District  
Telephone: 822-224  
or  
Mobile 608-6639  
Email: [nats@agriculture.gov.bz](mailto:nats@agriculture.gov.bz)

Ministry of Rural Transformation  
Launches Official NRDS 2026- 2030

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government (MRTCDLG) marked a historic milestone with the official launch of the National Rural Development Strategy (NRDS) 2026-2030. The ceremony, held at the Lord Ashcroft Centre in Belize City, establishes a coordinated, evidence-based framework to advance inclusive, resilient, and sustainable rural transformation across Belize.

This strategy constitutes a major milestone of a consultancy

led by the MRTCDLG with support from the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL). The development of the NRDS was executed through a comprehensive three-stage process. Stage 1 focused on a Strategic Diagnosis, utilizing mixed research methods and over 40 expert interviews to identify 16 structural challenges across social, economic, and environmental dimensions. This was followed by Stage 2, which prioritized Participatory Design through eight community dia-

logues across all six districts, ensuring the strategy was informed by the voices of over 190 rural stakeholders. The process culminated in Stage 3, consisting of technical consultations and the final validation of a roadmap that identifies 14 lines of action and 32 flagship initiatives.

The ceremony was attended by the Prime Min-

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CENTRAL BANK  
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICER

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Human Resources Department.

The Labour Relations Officer supports the Central Bank's labour relations functions by serving as a liaison between management, union representatives, and external labour stakeholders. The role ensures the effective administration of collective bargaining agreements, manages union-related activities, and oversees investigations, reporting, and disciplinary processes in accordance with established Bank policies and Belize labour laws.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide guidance to management on the interpretation and implementation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Assist in the negotiation of bargaining unit agreements by conducting market data analysis and engaging with bargaining unit representatives.
- Coordinate and provide logistical and administrative support for union-related meetings, documentation, and compliance requirements.
- Act as a liaison to facilitate effective communication and timely resolution of labour matters between management, unions, and external stakeholders.
- Liaise with the Belize Labour Department to ensure compliance with applicable labour laws and regulations.
- Conduct or support investigations into policy breaches, grievances, and disciplinary matters in collaboration with the Human Resources Department.
- Implement tracking systems for union matters to improve monitoring and processing efficiency.
- Maintain professional relationships with trade unions, labour authorities, and industry counterparts to support compliance and information sharing.
- Perform other duties consistent with the functions of the department.

The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A minimum qualification of a bachelor's degree in Labour and Employment Relations, Human Resources Administration, Industrial Relations, or a related field from a recognized university. Relevant experience would be an asset.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Familiarity with the Central Bank of Belize Act, Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, International Banking Act, Credit Union Acts, Moneylenders Act, National Payment System Act, and the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act and their accompanying regulations; Strong knowledge and experience with the Labour Laws of Belize, Belize Social Security Laws, and Income Tax Laws; Strong knowledge of collective bargaining processes and investigative procedures; Excellent communication, negotiation, and interpersonal skills; Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organizational Ability, Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Job Knowledge, Quality of Output, Deportment, Problem Solving/Judgement.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 11 February 2026:**

- Central Bank Employment Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates
- Two (2) current references (at least one must be from a previous or current employer)

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department  
Central Bank of Belize  
P.O. Box 852 or Gabourel Lane  
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Labour Relations Officer- Human Resources Department

Email: [hr@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:hr@centralbank.org.bz) or online at [www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz)  
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)





GoB – BEL – IFC

Launch of a Request for Prequalification  
80 MW Utility-Scale Solar Project  
Development

Belize City, January 26, 2026 - Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group, is pleased to announce the launch of a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for the development of utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) projects totaling up to 80 megawatts (MW) across Belize.

This landmark initiative reflects a significant, multi-party collaboration between BEL, the Government of Belize, and IFC, combining local leadership and expertise with global best practices to foster the country’s clean energy transformation.

The project is being developed under the World Bank Group’s Scaling Solar program, which promotes transparent and efficient procurement of privately financed utility-scale renewable energy projects. The IFC will provide technical guidance and support as Lead Transaction Advisor, helping to achieve a competitive and investor-ready procurement process. Their involvement has been made possible with the support of the Japanese Government through the Comprehensive Trust Fund (CJTF) and the Global Infrastructure Facility.

Project Overview

- **Total Capacity to be installed:** Up to 80 MW of grid-connected utility-scale solar PV
- **Number of Project Sites:** Three to four locations across Belize
- **Commercial Structure:** Independent Power Producer (IPP) mode
- **Role of the Private Sector:** To design, finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain the solar PV facilities for a 25- year period

A Collaborative Vision for Belize’s Energy Future

This planned strategic investment follows directly from the Least Cost System Expansion Plan (LCEP) for the electricity sector which recommended the rollout of a mix of indigenous utility-scale solar and battery energy storage solutions supplemented by thermal capacity additions to meet demand for electricity in Belize up to 2042. It represents a cornerstone of Belize’s energy transition and demonstrates the shared commitment of BEL and the Government of Belize to:

- Achieve 75% renewable electricity generation by the year 2030
- Reduce reliance on electricity imports and foreign exchange outflows
- Strengthen national energy security, system reliability, and grid resilience

Procurement Process

The RFPQ marks the first stage of an open competitive procurement process to identify private-sector developers with the technical, financial, and operational capacity to deliver large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. It is important to note that only **prequalified applicants will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.**

Access to RFQ Documents

The full RFPQ package, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and key timelines, is available on the BEL website at <https://www.bel.com.bz/UtilityScalePhotovoltaicIPPProjectsinBelize.aspx>.

BEL, in partnership with MPUEL, invites qualified developers to join this transformative initiative, one that will advance Belize’s sustainable energy future and strengthen the country’s position as a leader in renewable energy development. (release)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
CONSULTING SERVICES

Country: Belize  
Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration Project (STAP)  
Loan No.: 4839/OC-BL  
Institution: Ministry of Finance  
Abstract: Consulting Services

Deadline: February 16, 2026, at 4 p.m. (Belize local time)

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Strengthening of Tax Administration Project (STAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) for a Consulting Firm to develop a **Data Governance Strategy and Framework** for the Belize Tax service Department (BTSD).

Specific objectives for this Consultancy:  
*“To develop and institutionalize a comprehensive Data Governance Strategy and Framework for the BTSD, ensuring that data assets are effectively managed, protected, and utilized to support evidence-based policy formulation, compliance management, and operational efficiency”*

The Belize Tax Department under the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms should provide the following information:

General Experience:

- The firm should demonstrate a minimum of 5 years' experience in similar assignments: Digital Government or Public Sector ICT Reform
- Demonstrative experience in Institutional Strengthening and Organizational Transformation

Specific Experience:

The firm must have successfully completed within the last 3 years:

- At least 2 comparable assignments involving the design and/or implementation of:
  - o Data governance frameworks, enterprise data management strategies, or data management operating models aligned with recognized international standards.
- At least 2 comparable assignments that include change management, organizational transformation, and institutional strengthening components.
  - o Managing resistance to change in public sector organizations.
  - o Embedding new roles, processes, or behavioral practices.
  - o Delivering training and awareness programs to support adoption.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 section 3: 3.3(b) – Quality-Based Selection (QBS), for assignments that have a high downstream impact and in which the objective is to have the best experts.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 to 5:00 (Monday – Thursday), and 8:00 to 4:30 (Friday).

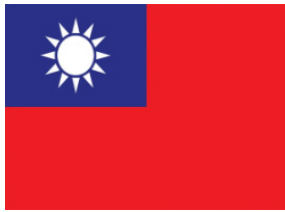
Expressions of Interest must be submitted in writing no later than **Monday, February 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. (local time)**. Submissions may be sent by email to [Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz](mailto:Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz) and [david.duncan@mof.gov.bz](mailto:david.duncan@mof.gov.bz), with “STAP – Data Governance Strategy and Framework” clearly stated in the subject line, or delivered in hard copy to the following address:

Director General  
Belize Tax Service Department  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Eleanor Hall Building  
Chetumal Boulevard, Belize City  
Tel: 501-222-4956

For clarifications kindly contact:

Acting Project Coordinator  
Project Executing Unit  
Strengthening of Tax Administration Project  
Eleanor Hall Building  
Chetumal Boulevard, Belize City  
Tel: 501-222-4956 (ext-421)/E-mail: [David.Duncan@mof.gov.bz](mailto:David.Duncan@mof.gov.bz)





MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

BELCAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Government of Belize (GOB) has applied for financing from the Republic of China (Taiwan) towards the cost of the **Belcan Bridge Replacement Project** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

- The Scope of Works will include:
- Demolition of Existing Structure
  - Construction of new Bridge Structure
  - Piles Fabrication and Installation
  - Girder Fabrication and Installation
  - Construction of a temporary pedestrian/bicycle/vehicular bridge across the Haulover Creek for the duration of the project. Space must be allowed for the navigation of small vessels.

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

|    | Description of criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Belcan Bridge |
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| a. | an average annual turnover of at least United States Dollars (US\$) equivalent shown (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last three (3) years;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | US\$5.0M      |
| b. | demonstrable capacity to have a cash flow of at least the US\$ equivalent shown (including access to credit); and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | US\$1.0M      |
| c. | experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two assignments of a similar nature and complexity to the proposed project activity within the last ten years with at least the US\$ equivalent value shown ( <i>to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete</i> ). The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics, which includes experience in piling, pier construction, retaining walls, reinforced concrete works, erosion protection and the construction of bridges. | US\$7.0M      |

This Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing (MIDH), Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU is responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Supervision Consultants will be retained by MIDH to assist with the supervision of this contract.

Construction is expected to start in the first quarter of 2026. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

Consideration will be given to local and international firms or joint ventures of firms, who have qualified extensive experience in bridge construction of a similar size and complexity.

Effective **Monday 2 February 2026**, interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the PEU office at the address below, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm Belize time. A complete hardcopy set of the bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by submitting a written request or email to the address below. The request must clearly state **“Request for Bidding Documents for the Belcan Bridge Replacement Project**. The hardcopy documents are available for a non-refundable fee of **US\$1,000.00**. Potential bidders who request that hardcopy documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a local courier agent, which accepts freight collect charges. The MIDH will promptly dispatch the documents but under no circumstances will the Ministry be responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

A Pre-Bid meeting and site visit shall take place on **Friday 6 February 2026 at 9:00am Belize time**. Bidders shall congregate at the Belcan Bridge site in Belize City.

Bidding Documents must be in English and must be submitted by 10:00 am, Belize time on **Wednesday 4 March 2026**. There are two options for submitting the bidding documents. These are:

- (a) By electronic submission, in PDF format, to the email addresses indicated below. The “Subject” field of the email message must read **“Bidding Documents for the Belcan Bridge Replacement Project**.” The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by PEU. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the bidder and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder’s computer; or
- (b) By submission of one original and two hard copies, by hand or by registered mail, in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the bidder and be clearly marked **“Bidding Documents for the Belcan Bridge Replacement Project”**.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of \$200,000.00 Belize Dollars. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late submissions or to cancel the bidding process. GOB will not be bound to assign any reason for cancelling the bidding process and will not defray costs incurred by bidders in the preparation and submission of the bidding documents. Late bids will be rejected.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**  
Chief Engineer/Engineering Coordinator  
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing  
Power Lane  
Belmopan  
**BELIZE C.A.**

Tel: +501-828-5221  
Email: [peu@midh.gov.bz](mailto:peu@midh.gov.bz)





VACANCY NOTICE

LEGISLATURE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

POSITION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) TECHNICIAN I

Application are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) position of **IT Technician I** for the Legislature at the National Assembly. The National Assembly is the Legislature or Parliament of Belize. It consists of two Houses, that is, the Senate (Upper House) and the House of Representatives (Lower House). The thirty-one (31) Members of the House of Representatives are elected in a general election under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Meanwhile, the thirteen (13) Members of the Senate are nominated and appointed by the Governor General of Belize, in accordance with the Constitution of Belize.

The National Assembly Staff (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2003, define how staff of the National Assembly are governed.

Basic Purpose of Position:

To provide general maintenance of computers and computer equipment and for the resolving of identified technical problems. The technician is expected to undertake general tasks which will promote seamless use of IT infrastructure in a work environment.

1. Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Serving as the first point of contact for IT support within the Office of the Clerk
2. Support staff whenever they encounter challenges with computer devices
3. Assist in installing, configuring, and maintaining software and hardware components of the computer system/CITO network system
4. Maintaining and updating technical documentation regularly
5. Overseeing and assisting in the audio/video recordings of the House/Senate meetings
6. Making software available to appropriate users.
7. Installing, testing and troubleshooting software.
8. Ensuring the anti-virus software is installed, properly configured, regularly updated and working properly on all PC and server stations.
9. Distributing files as required for staff use.
10. Assist in maintaining servers and network hardware.
11. Receiving and setting up hardware.
12. Diagnosing/troubleshooting software/hardware and/or peripheral devices failures.
13. Serves as liaison to software/hardware providers and outside repair services for the purpose of conveying and/or receiving information.
14. Liaising with the designated personnel responsible for keeping the inventory.
15. Maintaining computer peripheral equipment e.g. printers, scanners and projectors.
16. Maintaining wired and wireless networks, desktop and server computers.
17. Providing technical support for hardware and software issues in the office.
18. Assist in Setting up and maintaining backup system for file servers and in-office desktop computers.
19. Prepares a variety of written materials (e.g. procedures, etc.) for the purpose of providing written support and/or conveying information.
20. Responsible for the inventory of original software and drivers.
21. Recommend the procurement of computer parts, supplies and materials for the purpose of ensuring the availability of items commonly required to repair computer hardware.
22. Trains personnel on the operation of new hardware and/or applications for the purpose of developing and/or updating computer skills.
23. Responsible for the Transportation of a variety of items (e.g. equipment, supplies, etc.) for the purpose of providing materials at job site or bringing equipment in for repairs.
24. Warehouses computer parts, supplies and materials for the purpose of establishing an inventory of items commonly required to repair computer hardware.
25. Responsible for helpdesk and remote assistance.

2. The Candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:

Experience/Skills, Knowledge and Abilities :

- Technical:
1. Hands on experience Troubleshooting hardware/software
  2. Knowledge of technical environment and network topologies.
  3. Knowledgeable of windows operating systems and servers.
  4. Experience in installing network cable and patching.
  5. Knowledge of security protocols
  6. Analytical skills
  7. Disaster recovery methods
  8. Supervisory skills
  9. Keep self abreast of new and changing technologies in related field

Behavioral:

1. Provide clear useful communication when supporting technology
2. Exhibit strong customer service orientation
3. Fast learner
4. Have patience
5. Strong communication skills
6. Interpersonal skills
7. Research skills
8. Ethical skills

Proven work experience in IT support or IT technician roles, in-depth knowledge of Windows and other GOB operating systems, practical experience with internet and network security protocols

3. Academic Qualification:

Minimum an Associates Degree in Information Technology, Computer Science or related field with 2-3 years working experience in the field.

4. Reporting Responsibility:

The IT Technician I first reporting officer is the Deputy Clerk and the Second reporting officer is The Clerk of the National Assembly

5. Salary:

Equivalent to Government’s Payscale 14 of \$28,637 x 1188 – 51,209 per annum.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons who are in possession of the required qualification and experience and have the aptitude for the post of this nature are requested to submit a complete application package which must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record to **The Clerk, National Assembly, Independence Hill, Belmopan**, no later than **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**.

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ister, Hon. John Briceño, who delivered the keynote remarks. Also present was Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government, Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, and Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, alongside officials from the MRTCDLG, various stakeholders, and representatives from Clio Consulting, who provided a technical overview of the strategy’s vision and methodology.

The NRDS 2026–2030 defines a bold 2030 vision centered on four strategic axes: Partnership, Prosperity, People, and Places. By targeting these pillars, the strategy aims to overcome critical constraints currently hindering rural growth, including land insecurity, high financial costs, market failures, and infrastructure gaps in roads and basic services. The framework also integrates two transversal approaches: Inclusion (focusing on Gender, Youth, and Culture) and Climate Change Resilience, ensuring that development remains sustainable and equitable.

The launch of the NRDS 2026–2030 provides the Ministry and its partners with a structured framework to empower rural communities and ensure they remain at the forefront of Belize’s national development. The Ministry extends its appreciation to CABEL, Clio Consulting, and the many community leaders and experts whose participation ensured a validated and inclusive strategy for the future of rural Belize. (release)

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the following company has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

STONDFOR INVESTMENTS LTD. –  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited

Registered Agent

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Darwin McKenzie** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at “**Darwin Grocery Shop**” located at # 4301 Louise Bevans Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Leslie Sanchez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**LJay’s One Stop**” located at Blackberry Ridge Estate, Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Xiong Yao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Kim Fonto Shop**” located at # 7386 Antelope Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Achanty Gillett** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at “**Prive Lounge**” located at Mile 9 ½ P.G. Hwy., Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose Luis Chan** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at “**Amy’s Diner**” located in Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Erendira De La Rosa** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Le Husky**” located ON Pedro Guerra Mena St., Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Michael Singh** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Chial Mountain Limited**” located on Chial Rd., 14 Negroman, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Naybaz**” located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Naybaz**” located in Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Victor Manuel Chaman** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Kristen Grocery Shop**” located at # 187 Delsyia Goff St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Michael G. Searle** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Mil Iguanas**” located at # 1756 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maria A. Alvarado** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Bolina’s Shop**” located at # 158 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Angelina Salas** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at “**Ang The Bartender**” located at Loma, Del Rodeo Area, Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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